GRANT TO COLLEGES STARTED AFTER 1967

579. Sri N. Lokayya Naik (Virajpet):—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the policy of the Government for giving grants to the private colleges started after 1967;

(*b*) the number of private colleges started in the State after 1967 and the number of colleges that are getting grants by the Government?

Sri K.V. Shankara Gowda (Minister for Education):—

(*a*) Government have decided to provide facilities to the private colleges started after May 1967 as per the Grant-in-aid code.

(*b*) the number of private colleges started after May 1967 is 44.

Grant-in-aid to 30 colleges which were started in 1967-68 and 1968-69 was given towards fee concession.

SEATING ACCOMMODATION IN CINEMA THEATRES AT BELLARY TOWN

580. Sri Allum Karibasappa (Kurugod):—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether any representations have been made either to the Government or to the District Magistrate, Bellary, in-connection with the seating capacity of the following theatres in Bellary Town:

1 Royal theatre
2 Mubarak theatre
3 Prabhat theatre
4 Select theatre
5 Nataraj theatre and
6 Uma theatre

(Nos. 5 and 6 are latest Air-cooled theatres);

(*b*) whether the District Magistrate, Bellary has issued or renewed the cinema licences of the above theatres particularly regarding the capacity *i.e.*, the number of seats in each class (*i.e.*, plinth area);

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the theatre owners or the management of Royal, Prabhat, Mubarak and Select have taken licence for seating capacity for more number of seats than is permissible under the said Rules;